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1. DESIRE TO FIND MEANS TO GET AROUND PROHIBITION ON OFFICIAL AID TO PORTUGAL IS IMPLICIT IN RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT BY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER JAN PRONK THAT GON IAS OF JANUARY 1, 1975 HAS MADE EXCEPTION IN CASE OF PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES TO RULE UNDER WHICH ALL DUTCH FOREIGN AID MUST BE SPENT IN NETHERLANDS. IN COUNTRY RECEIVING AID, OR IN OTHER LDCS. UNDER EXCEPTION, TERRITORIES MAY ALSO SPEND AID IN PORTUGAL.

2. THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE STEP-UP OF DUTCH AID TO PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IN 1975, AS MOZAMBIQUE WILL RECEIVE SIX MILLION US DOLLARS (AGAINST ONE MILLION IN 1974) WHILE FOUR MILLION US DOLLARS WILL BE DONATED TO GUINEA-BISSAU (AGAINST ONE MILLION IN 1974).

3. FINAL PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR ALLOCATION OF AID, WHICH ARE MADE IN COOPERATION WITH PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH AMOUNT THAT WILL BE SPENT IN PORTUGAL UNDER THIS EXCEPTION IS NOT KNOWN, IT SEEMS PLAIN THAT DUTCH GOVERNMENT'S PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR PORTUGUESE REGIME AND SECONDARILY TO AID PORTUGUESE ECONOMY AS INDICATED IN REFTEL.
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